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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS IN 29TH GA

1. UN RUMOR MILL CONTINUES ACTIVE CONCERNING QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS AT 29TH GA. EARLIER RUMOR, REPORTED USUN 2194, PARAGRAPH 4 (NOTAL), HAS BEEN MODIFIED BY WHAT MAY BE DISINFORMATION FROM ALGERIANS TO UKUN. ALGERIANS ALLEGEDLY TOLD BRITISH THAT BOUTEFLIKA HIMSELF WOULD MAKE HAMBRO RULING, THEN SUGGEST SC ACTION. PRESUMABLY, SUCH ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN DURING OCTOBER, WITH CAMEROONIAN AS SC PRESIDENT.

2. ANOTHER VERSION, WHICH COMMON MARKET MEMBERS ARE CIRCULATING, HAS FOLLOWING SCENARIO: AS SOON AS FIRST SOUTH AFRICAN SPEAKER MOVES TOWARD PODIUM DURING GA GENERAL DEBATE, AN OAU AFRICAN WOULD RAISE POINT OF ORDER, ASKING THE CHAIR WHAT COUNTRY SPEAKER REPRESENTED. QUESTION THEN WOULD BE REFERRED TO CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD DELIBERATE PRESUMABLY FOR A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME. AFRICANS WOULD MAKE SURE THAT CREDENTIALS DELAY HELD UP ALL OTHER SPEAKERS, WITH PROSPECT OF DEBATE BEING SUSPENDED WITH NUMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTERS TO SPEAK

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SPINNING WHEELS BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION. SECURITY

COUNCIL THEN WOULD CONSIDER MATTER ON URGENT BASIS,
CONCEIVABLY WITH A DRAFT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING
SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL APARTHEID POLICY IS TERMINATED.
SEVERAL MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD VETO RESOLUTION,
BUT AFRICANS WOULD EXPECT THIS AND WOULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
GOALS OF 1) SHOWING, BY TAKING "LEGAL" ROUTE FOR EXPULSION,
THAT THEY ARE "RESPONSIBLE" UN MEMBERS AND 2) GAINING
DESIRED PUBLICITY WITHOUT THROWING SOUTH AFRICA
OUT, BUT AT SAME TIME WITHOUT TARNISHING BOUTEFLIKA'S "GOOD NAME".

3. OAU OBSERVER OUATTARA REPORTS THAT "QUESTION OF SUSPENSION
OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THIS SESSION" WAS DISCUSSED AT MOGADISCIO,
BUT THAT ULTIMATE DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY AFRICAN GROUP
AT BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. BASED ON LAST YEAR'S PERFORMANCE,
THIS SEEMS PROBABLE.
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